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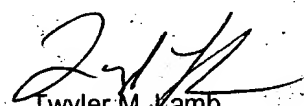
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Attached you will find a Supplemental Notice of Allowability addressing the issues raised by the Applicant:

- 1) the claim numbering was corrected to show claim 53 instead of 52.
- 2) the certified copies of the Priority documents have been noted so the Notice of Allowability now shows the certified copies have been received.
- 3) the Examiner included a copy of the 1449 that was signed back on 2/20/04. This is the same 1449 the Applicant resubmitted.


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**SUPPLEMENTAL
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Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

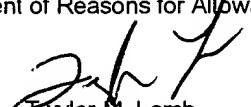
1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment filed 11/29/04.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 3-5, 8, 12, 16, 20, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33-35, 38, 42, 46, 50, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61, 133, 140, 151, 158, 169-172, 174, 192-194, 196, 214, 215.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 5/2/05 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
 - * Certified copies not received: _____.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 12/02/03
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Supplemental Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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Primary Examiner
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Supplemental

Reasons for Allowance

1. Claims 1,3-5,8,12,16,20,23,25,27,29,31,33-35,38,42,46,50,53,55,57,59,61,133,140,151,158,169-172,174,192-194,196,214 and 215 are allowed over the prior art of record. Claims 1,3-5,8,12,16,20,23,25,27,29,31,33-35,38,42,46,50,53,55,57,59,61, 215,133,140,151,158,169-172,174,192-194,196, and 214 are renumbered as 1-40 respectively.

2. The prior art of record fails to anticipate the unique combination of: "contour information extraction means for extracting contour information based on the printing attribute added to the printing data that are stored in said storage and resolution of said display; layout reference information setting means for setting layout reference information based on the contour information extracted by said contour information extraction means, the layout reference information being used as a reference when laying out the printing data; and layout means for laying out the printing data based on the layout reference information set by said layout reference information setting means".

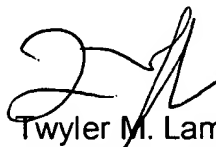
3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably **accompany** the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled AComments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Twyler M. Lamb whose telephone number is 571-272-7406. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Thurs 6:30-5:00.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward L. Coles can be reached on 571-2727402. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Lamb', is positioned above the printed name.

Twyler M. Lamb
Primary Examiner
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